

Legal Notice

Comprehensive Five-Year Bond Review and Proposed Partial Bond Release for Magris Talc USA, Inc., (Hard Rock Mining Operating Permit No. 00075).

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a five-year comprehensive bond review of Magris Talc USA, Inc., Beaverhead Mine, Operating Permit No. 00075, located in Section 14, Township 7 South, Range 6 West, in Madison County. The site is about 23 miles southwest of Alder, MT on Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management land. The site consists of a total of about 159 acres of which about 98.7 acres have been disturbed.

DEQ has determined that the current bonding level does not represent the present costs of compliance with the Metal Mine Reclamation Act, administrative rules adopted thereunder, and the operating permit. DEQ is proposing a bond decrease of \$6,905 (from \$116,000 to \$109,095). The decrease in the bond amount is due to partial completion of reclamation performed by the operator.

The procedure for adjusting bonds as a result of a comprehensive bond review is set forth in Section 82-4-338(3) MCA. The company and the public will have until April 14, 2021 to comment on the proposed bond decrease. DEQ will issue a final bond determination after the comment period has expired. The company or any person with an interest that may be adversely affected by DEQ's final bond determination may obtain a contested case hearing before the Board of Environmental Review by filing with DEQ within 30 days of the issuance of the final bond determination a written request for hearing stating the reason for the request.

A copy of the bond calculation associated with the comprehensive bond review, can be obtained by contacting the Department of Environmental Quality, Hard Rock Mining Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by calling Herb Rolfes at (406) 444-3841 or e-mail at hrolfes@mt.gov.